

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-37 (Canceled)

38. (Previously presented) A method for stimulating an immune response, comprising administering to a lymphoid tissue *in vivo* a plasmid vector containing a nucleic acid molecule comprising a B cell expression element operationally linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding one or more heterologous epitopes, wherein said one or more heterologous epitopes are expressed in a B cell and wherein expression of said one or more heterologous epitopes in said B cell results in stimulation of an immune response.

39-68 (Canceled)